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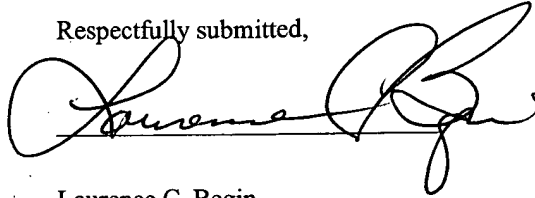
This paper is filed in response to the Notice Regarding Drawings mailed August 31, 2006 in connection with the above-designated application. A response to the Notice Regarding Drawings is due by October 29, 2006, which is a Sunday. Thus, the period for response is extended to Monday, October 30, 2006, the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday.

On Friday, September 8, 2006 a phone conversation took place between Applicants' attorney and Mr. Clifton Randolph of the U.S.P.T.O. relating to the Notice Regarding Drawings mailed to Applicant on August, 31, 2006 by Examiner Alie Ghassem. During the phone conversation, Mr. Randolph indicated that submission of a copy of the final drawings (to supersede all other versions of the drawings previously submitted during prosecution of the application), along with a cover letter summarizing the phone conversation, would constitute a sufficient response to the Draftperson's objections to the drawings. Attached herewith is one copy of the final, formal drawings in the above-referenced application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe that all rejections of record have been overcome. Accordingly, the Applicants courteously solicits favorable reconsideration, allowance of the remaining claims, and passage of the present application to grant.

Applicant has not calculated a fee due in connection with this paper. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-3238.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurence C. Begin", written over a horizontal line.

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